

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

If a few cooperations can own TV, radio, and news papers then they will also own what the public is aware of. As it is the coverage of the war is censured. There is never any coverage of the soldiers that have been wounded and maimed. Freedom of the press must be maintained. For it is one of the corner stones of democracy. Too bad if that bothers Bush & Co.